

continuation of reissue application Serial No. 09/708,562,  
filed November 9, 2000.

It is noted that the claims of this continuation of the  
prior reissue application include claims 1-31 of the original  
patent no. 5,834,922 without amendment, new dependent claims  
32 and 33 which depend directly or indirectly from claim 31,  
and new independent claim 34, which corresponds to claim 47 of  
reissue application Serial No. 09/708,562, in modified form,  
and new dependent claim 35 dependent therefrom.

Favorable action in this application is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an  
extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any  
shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this  
paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account  
No. 01-2135 (501.39180RC2) and please credit any excess fees  
to such deposit account.

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